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heart. And their breath comes, not in long gasps, but in short pants. You ever see breath in short pants?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laughter) But that fits the character of the senators who are afraid (laugh) to go ask the Governor. When we get to this time of day, brothers and sisters, it's almost as though we've been consuming one of those products of corn. But this is what makes it possible to survive the latter days of the session. We know that there is no amount of time left when any substantive debate is going to occur. We're just running out the clock now and I will suffer another ignominious defeat. Cloture will be invoked and I will be saddened thereby. But tomorrow I will be ready to go again. In fact, I'm going to be ready to go this afternoon because, if I read the agenda correctly,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members of the body, I'm kind of surprised at you, Senator Chambers. I felt that this is an independent body, doing our own thing. And I...Senator Dierks doesn't know what the Governor is going to do and I don't either, because I've always felt that we should do what we feel in here as the legislative branch; the Governor does what he has to do, and let the chips fall where they may. And in many cases, in most...I've never run anything by the Governor. I know some people do, but I think if we're the independent body that I've heard you assert over the years, that we ought to do our own thing here. And if we feel as a body that 40...25 in this case, perhaps 30 need to do this, I think we should do it. If we think this is for good...good for Nebraska's economy and we agree, let...let the chips fall where they may. And let's...let's do what we see is good for Nebraska, what we think is good for clean air, what we think is good for energy efficiency, what we think is good even as a national policy.